

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group II, Claims 16-17, while reserving the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected subject matter of Claims 1-15 and 18-37.

Newly drafted Claims 38 and 39 are similar to the elected Claims 16 and 17 without using the "means for" language of 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 6. The dependent Claims 40-43 are within the scope of the elected subject matter.

Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on September 16, 2004, and has requested that these references be reviewed and made of record in any responsive action.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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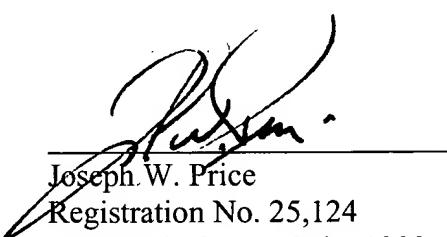
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